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SUBJECT: SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS SENTENCES IN EM-9 CASE

REF: SEOUL 3338

1. ON AUGUST 24, SUPREME COURT UPHELD SENTENCES OF YI PU-YONG (TWO AND ONE HALF YEARS PRISON PLUS FORFEITURE OF CIVIL RIGHTS FOR SAME PERIOD), SUNG YU-PO (ONE YEAR) AND CHONG CHONG-POK (ONE YEAR AND SIX MONTHS). YI AND SUNG WERE FORMER TONGA ILBO REPORTERS. CHONG WAE A TEACHER. ALL WERE CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF EM-9.

2. THIS CASE DID FEATURE AN ELEMENT OF MORE THAN ROUTINE INTEREST. YI HAD CLAIMED THAT COERCION HAD BEEN USED TO OBTAIN A CONFESSION FROM HIM. COURTS NEVER FORMALLY ACCEPTED YI'S CHARGE. HOWEVER, APPEALS COURT, APPARENTLY INFLUENCED BY INADVERTENT CONFIRMATION BY PRISON GUARD THAT COERCION HAD INDEED BEEN USED, REDUCED SENTENCES IMPOSED BY FIRST INSTANCE COURT. (SEE REFTEL). SUPREME COURT, HOWEVER, EVIDENTLY SAW NO NEED TO REDUCE SENTENCES ANY FURTHER.  
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